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| In re Application of | : | Attn: Mail Stop Amendment |
| Tadashi SAO et al. | : | Patent Art Unit: 3744 |
| Serial No. 10/580,909 | : | Examiner: Mohammad M. Ali |
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| For: BRANCHING PIPE JOINT AND AN AIR | : | |
| CONDITIONER PROVIDED THEREWITH | : | |

Request for Reconsideration under 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the March 24, 2009 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-22 are pending, with claims 1 and 15 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.